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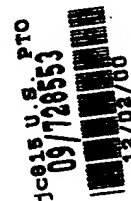
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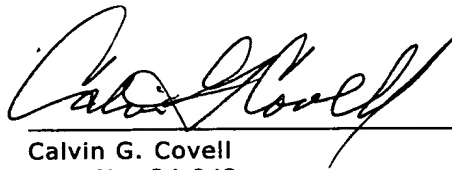
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**Item**

U.S. Patent No. 3,833,003 to Taricco  
U.S. Patent No. 4,832,020 to Augustine  
U.S. Patent No. 4,865,586 to Hedberg  
U.S. Patent No. 4,913,139 to Ballew  
U.S. Patent No. 4,960,122 to Mizus  
U.S. Patent No. 5,127,913 to Thomas, Jr.  
U.S. Patent No. 5,197,971 to Bonutti  
U.S. Patent No. 5,235,970 to Augustine  
U.S. Patent No. 5,259,377 to Schroeder  
U.S. Patent No. 5,339,805 to Parker  
U.S. Patent No. 5,353,787 to Price  
U.S. Patent No. 5,560,351 to Gravenstein et al.  
U.S. Patent No. 5,558,082 to Spencer  
U.S. Patent No. 5,582,165 to Bryan et al.  
U.S. Patent No. 5,694,929 to Christopher

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